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1. The Soviet Consulate has been unsuccessful in its negotiations with the Chinese authorities to stop the publication of the anti-Soviet weekly newspaper Svobodnoe Slovo (Free Word). A lengthy report has been sent to Moscow stating that the local Chinese authorities, under pressure from the American Military Command and the British Consulate, and through the newly formed Russian Emigrant Association and propaganda organizations of the Kuomintang, have started an intensive anti-Soviet propaganda campaign. This propaganda campaign was reported as being carried out among foreign circles as well as among the Chinese people, and as meeting with considerable success. It was requested that Moscow use strong diplomatic pressure to have this newspaper closed and to have anti-Soviet propaganda of this sort stopped, irrespective of its source.
2. To demonstrate the bold anti-Soviet slant of Svobodnoe Slovo, the following translation of excerpts from an article are given. "Russian" (emigrant) circles in Tientsin consider this article of importance because of its differentiation between the terms "Russian" and "Soviet".

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"The USSR is not Russia" - 23 March 1947

"Some American newspapers (The New York Daily Mirror, Chicago Tribune), in their comments in regard to President Truman's address to Congress about aid to Greece and Turkey, continually call the USSR 'Russia' and its people 'Russians'.

"For instance, in those comments we find the following sentences: 'He (Truman) intends a direct challenge to the Russians'. 'The President wished to make the Russians understand that the war was not waged in order to hand over the mastery of Europe to Russia'. Truman has made a most severe speech against Russia'. 'He has made it understood that Russian Communism is being considered a hostile force'.

"We were not in a position to read these articles in their original form and the above excerpts were taken from the Soviet press. If these excerpts have been translated by the Soviet press correctly and have not been misquoted for certain psychological considerations, then we are much astonished and regret deeply that the American press and American political circles still confuse the USSR with Russia and consider the Russian people as the actual originators and executors of the present Soviet imperialistic hard labor regime. This is a grave error. The time has come for all to understand and realize that Russia as a Russian nation ceased to exist at the time of the Russian Revolution. It was usurped by an international

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conglomerate Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) which is completely alien to a proper Russian state.

" Even in its name 'Union of Soviet Socialist Republics' there is not the slightest mention of Russia, although it was formed on Russian territory. The suppression of the word 'Russia' was intentional, as this was to emphasize that Russia was terminated, that Russia as a national state had ceased to exist.....

" We notice that neither Stalin nor Molotov nor any other high-placed Soviet dignitary ever mention the word 'Russia' or 'Russian Government' in their speeches but always speak of 'Soviet Union' or of the 'Soviet Government'

" All known states, irrespective of how they originated, have always represented some national traits. Only the Soviet international union, which forcibly installed itself on the territory of Russia, represents a complete denationalization of the Russian state of Russian nationality.

" Naturally, all Russians wish to believe that Russia has not died completely and that she still exists. But, alas, this seems to be so for the present. There is no Russia and no Russian state. There remains only the immense territory of the former Russian Empire and the many tens of millions of enslaved workers who in no way are the masters of their own territory. All of them in their own country are in complete servitude to the Soviet regime, an exploiter, which systematically and methodically squeezes everything out of the enslaved Russian population by means of all sorts of clever manipulations and unending 'Five Year Plans'"

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